

*Saint Michael the Archangel  
&  
Saints Peter and Paul  
Byzantine Catholic Churches*

*"I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except  
Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2*

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**Confessions:**  
Saturdays [P] 3:15-3:45 PM  
Sundays: [A] 9:00-9:30 AM  
and by appointment  
Baptisms and Weddings:  
See Father Frank

*If you are looking for a spiritual  
home, please know you are  
always welcome to be a part of  
our Parish Family.*

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**Liturgical Schedule for  
The Week of January 11, 2015**

**Saturday~ January 10  
Vigil Sunday after Theophany**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ January 11  
Sunday after Theophany**

10:00 AM [A] +Michael Mehalschick by  
Virginia Mehalschick & Family

**Saturday~ January 17  
Vigil Sunday of Zacchaeus**

4:00 PM [P] Parish Families

**Sunday ~ January 18  
Sunday of Zacchaeus**

10:00 AM [A] For and increase in respect  
for human life from conception to  
natural death as the annual March for  
Life takes place in Washington on  
January 22.

***Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember  
the following persons in prayer:*** John & Alicia  
Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette  
DeFronzo, Melissa Kavounas, Dolores Flannery,  
Theresa Pinto, Patrice Danyluk, Hoyt Walter, Rosalie  
Walter, Kristin & Bobbie Di Giacomo & family, The  
Mehalschick Family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter  
Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine  
Wilk, Stephen Wursta, Maryann Wilk, Charles Hysick,  
Father Steven Galuschik, Subdeacon Lewis Rabayda,  
Father Diodoro Mendoza, Members of our Parish  
Families, Father Frank and his family.

**From the Saints**

A most powerful and efficacious remedy for all evils,  
a means of correcting all imperfections, of  
triumphing over temptation, and preserving our  
hearts in an undisturbed peace, is conformity with  
the will of God. *St. Vincent de Paul*

Our Lord will delight in making you conformable to  
Him, and will show you that He is not less worthy of  
being loved when your soul is filled with the  
bitterness of Calvary, than when it is enjoying the  
delights of Tabor. *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

Do not stop praying as long as, by God's grace, the  
fire and the water [i.e. fervor and tears] have not  
been exhausted, for it may happen that never again  
in your whole life will you have such a chance to ask  
for the forgiveness for your sins. *St. John Climacus*

**Pray for peace, sow harmony, look to Mary  
as model disciple, pope says**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Peace is a gift that comes  
through prayer and through small daily efforts to  
sow harmony in one's family, parish and  
community, Pope Francis said. "At the beginning of  
this new year, we are all called to reignite in our  
hearts a spark of hope, which must be translated  
into concrete works of peace: You don't get along  
with that person? Make peace. In your home?  
Make peace. In the community? Make peace. At  
work? Make peace," he said Jan. 4 during his  
midday recitation of the Angelus. Before  
announcing the names of the 20 new cardinals he  
will create Feb. 14, Pope Francis used his Sunday  
Angelus address to continue the reflection on peace, on Mary and on the church that he  
began during a Mass Jan. 1 marking the feast of Mary, Mother of God, and the World  
Day of Prayer for Peace. "Peace is not just an absence of war, but the general condition  
of the person who is in harmony with him- or herself, in harmony with nature and in  
harmony with others," he said during the Angelus address. Everyone says they want  
peace, Pope Francis said, but they continue to make war, even on a small scale. "How  
many families, how many communities -- even parishes -- are at war," he said.

**Why do we bless houses (and almost anything else that we can sprinkle) with water?**

This world, this creation, is in captivity; it is enemy held territory. The evil one, having enslaved  
all of creation at the fall, has laid claim to every nook and cranny of this earth. And for a while it  
looked as though he might be able to hold onto it. But then he reached too far and attempted to  
enslave the Master of All and to bind Life with the chains of death and his power was broken.  
But creation is still fallen; it is still contested land in the spiritual battle.

We, as Christians, are engaged in this struggle to reclaim fallen nature for the Kingdom of God.  
We often talk about this in terms of our own salvation, but the Church, addressing all of creation  
in a holistic manner, also reaches out and reclaims a bit here and a bit there of creation in  
general. We do this in order that we might restore the usefulness of creation for working out our  
own salvation. Hence we bless anything that might help us in our salvation - and by blessing it  
we reclaim it for the Kingdom of God.

There are few things more vital to our lives than our homes. In our homes we pray, we work, we  
talk to others, we order our lives, we work out our marriages, etc. What more important place to  
reclaim for the Kingdom of God - or is it better to continue living in a place which is occupied by  
the enemy. For the most effective working out of our salvation, we must drive the enemy out of  
our homes, and keep him at bay by our prayers, our righteous life, and the annual sprinkling by  
Holy Water at Theophany. *Father David Moser*

<b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of January 3 &amp; 4</b>	
<b>Allentown</b>	\$1352.00
<b>Total Bills</b>	\$1644.86
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>-\$292.86</b>
<b>Palmerton</b>	
<b>Total Bills</b>	No Liturgy
<b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>	<b>NA</b>
<b>Bills paid this week:</b>	
<b>Allentown:</b> PPL (Center Budget Plan): \$340.88; PPL (Church): \$97.00; PPL (Rectory): \$83.98; Oil (Church Budget Plan): \$695.00; Oil (Rectory Budget Plan): \$428.00	
<b>Palmerton:</b> Oil (Church): \$677.25; Oil (Hall): \$270.48	